

received by the Government against these Committees and the works of the Committees have been stopped.

(d) Orders have been issued to all the Deputy Directors of Public Instructions of the State to appoint teachers on temporary basis to avoid the inconvenience caused to the students. Early decision will be taken regarding appointment of candidates on permanent basis.

### Agreement Regarding the Supply of Bamboo to Bhadravathi Paper Mills

178. SRI K. L. SHIVALINGE GOWDA (Sathanur)—Will the Minister for Forest and Mines and Geology be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Government has entered into any agreement for supply of dried bamboos from the Basavanabetta and Chillandavadi forests of Kanakapura taluk to the Bhadravathi Paper Mills ; if so, the duration of this agreement ;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that while transporting dried bamboos to the said mills the concerned contractor, with the help of local forest officer is also transporting the live bamboos cutting from these forests ;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that in the guise of transporting bamboos to the said Paper Mills the local forest officers has created some local forest smugglers and taking bribes from them ;

(d) the number of smugglers in this area, and how many smugglers have been caught and the action taken against them so far ?

SRI G. MADE GOWDA (Minister for Forest and Mines and Geology)–

(a) Yes. The Forest department has entered into an agreement for supply of dried bamboos on 31-8-1978 with the Mysore Paper Mills, Bhadravathi. In the first instance upto 20-2-1979 and later on from 1-3-1979 to 30-6-1979 and from 1-7-1979 to 28-2-1980.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) No large scale smugglers have been separately noticed. On the whole, if there are any minor smuggling is found, immediate action will be taken against them and penalties imposed on them. Cases have been filed against 56 persons during the year 1979-80 and penalties have been imposed and collected from them.